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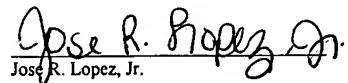
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2006, for which a response was due April 12, 2006. Enclosed herewith is a request for a three-month extension of time, along with the required fee, making the due date for response July 12, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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